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THEATRE - ROYAL.

On MONDAY next, February 4, will be presented, a Tragedy, called,

FAIR PENITENT.

Horatio, Mr WILLIAMSON ;
Lothario, Mr WARD ;
Altamont, Mr KNIGHT ;
Roslano, Mr SIMPSON ;
And Sciolto, Mr SUTHERLAND.
Lavinia, Mrs MOUNTFORT ;
Lucilla, Mrs TANNETT ;
And Calista, Mrs WARD.

To which will be added a FARCE, called,

THE CITIZEN.

Young Philpot, Mr WARD ;
Young Wilding, Mr Knight ; Sir Jasper Wilding, Mr Charteris ;
Beaufort, Mr Simpson ; Dapper, Mr T. Banks ; Quidrive, Mr Tannet ;
And Old Philpot, Mr HOLLINGSWORTH.
Corinna, Mrs TANNETT ;
And Maria, Mrs KNIVETON.

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At the New Theatre, Dunlop-Street, GLASGOW,
On Tuesday the 5th instant, will be presented, the COMEDY of The

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

Sir Peter Teazle, Mr JOHNSON ;
Joseph Surface, Mr JACKSON ;
And Charles, Mr CAUTHERLEY.
Mrs Candour, Mrs SPARKS ;
Maria, Mrs WALCOT ;
And Lady Teazle, Mrs JACKSON.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I give me much concern to find myself so soon called on to vindicate my conduct as manager of this Theatre. Being sensible that nothing is more disgusting to the Public, than to trouble them with Theatrical contentions, the last necessity only could induce me to enter into a news-paper controversy. Whilst Mrs Bulkley, or her retainers, vended their ill-humour in anonymous paragraphs, they passed unregarded. The Public, I knew, were sensible of the channel through which they came, as subjects of that kind are rarely entered on but by envious or disappointed actors; and there are passages in some of the late publications which prove to a certainty, that some of my own performers have either wrote or dictated them. Feeling, however, my neglect of them, Mrs Bulkley's letter now follows the inflammatory rhapsodies of her hirelings; and, being signed by her, compels me to be silent no longer, lest the Public should believe I had either injured her, or imposed on them.

I need hardly mention, that on my arrival in Edinburgh, after purchasing the Theatre, I found it, in every respect, in the utmost dilapidated. It was impossible, therefore, to have everything in that complete order I could have wished; I flatter myself, however, that the Public are sensible of my having spared no exertion to remedy these defects, as far as the short time I have as yet had it would permit. The Performers have all been regularly paid, and all reasonable complaints attended to.

As to Mrs Bulkley, it is very true, she was engaged by Mr Ross before I had any concert with this Theatre, and I certainly became bound to implement his pecuniary articles with her; but, with regard to private verbal promises he may have made her, I know nothing of them, nor did I consider them as binding upon me; had that been the case, she would have been manager, not I.

Mrs Bulkley says, she was only allowed to play on *weak nights*. That I deny. Saturday, every one knows, is the strongest night here; and of the nine Saturdays I have had the Theatre, she has played five; a sixth was ill; and the seventh absolutely refused to perform even her own favourite part, as I have occasion to mention hereafter.

It is not from that source that her ill humour springs. She has declined to state her real grievance. I, however, will. On the nights she played, as the audiences were not so numerous as expected, and as she was determined, it would seem, to have admirers, she assumed the power of giving orders of admittance. These, at first, I received and destroyed; the other performers followed the example, to which they certainly had the same title; and, in short, poor as the houses were, a great proportion of the receipts consisted of orders. I, therefore, determined to put a stop to a measure so ruinous. No one complained but Mrs Bulkley; and, from that period, I may fairly date her ill-will to me: For, from that moment, the anonymous paragraphs began to make their appearance.—I had been given to understand, that the night after the Queen's Assembly was generally a good one; for which reason, the manager had usually exhibited a weak play. I thought this improper, and resolved to pursue a contrary plan, by giving one of the strongest plays and farces I could, so as to show the strength of the company. I therefore pitched upon *Jane Shore* and *Three Weeks after Marriage*, by which means the three principal actresses could appear the same night. I could hardly credit the promptor, when he told me that Mrs Bulkley would not play *Lady Racker* in the farce, unless she also played *Jane Shore*. As I never heard of Mrs Bulkley's having played in Tragedy, I could hardly believe that to be her real motive. I rather supposed this only a pretence to wave playing on that particular night, in order to find some specious cause of complaint; and what has since happened justifies that conjecture. She continued her refusal, and I was obliged to change the farce.

Upon the Wednesday following, I meant to have played the Comedy of *Rule a Wife*, which I had got up at Mrs Bulkley's request, in which she informed me by letter, "That she would on no condition play that night," as she supposed it would be a poor one. I was, therefore, obliged to have a play without her, or shut up my house. Mr Johnston happening to come at that time, gave me an opportunity of doing the School for Scandal, which I had been obliged to delay till his arrival from Ireland. It was accordingly performed to a good house. On Wednesday, I had received a letter from a person of distinction, which I shall show to any gentleman who desires it, asking the *Belle's Stratagem* for Saturday evening, and particularly to see Mrs Jackson in *Letitia Hardy*, a part which she had frequently performed on this stage the season before last. That play was accordingly done to the most brilliant audience, I am told, ever seen in the Edinburgh Theatre. I never promised the part of *Letitia Hardy* to Mrs Bulkley; but, candour obliges me to say, she never refused it: And, if any such report has been spread to her prejudice, it did not originate with me, nor did I ever hear of it. How comes to think that part is hers, to the exclusion of every one else, is more than I can comprehend. The having performed it in a country town in England only, certainly gave her no right to it here, by the rules of any Theatre; but, independent of that, it was impossible, situated as I was, to give her that part, at that particular time. From what I have said, every article of which I shall fully prove to the satisfaction of any gentleman who will take the trouble of enquiring, the impartial Public will be able to determine whether Mrs Bulkley's charges against me are well or ill founded. They have a right to be satisfied; and I court the enquiry. I need hardly observe, that if a performer of merit will only play on such nights as there is a certainty of a crowded audience, such performer is of no real consequence to a Manager. It is obvious, that a capital performer is most necessary on such nights as require strength to attract an audience. And, had it been true (as it is not) that Mrs Bulkley had only been allowed to play on such nights, I think it was paying the highest compliment to her merit in my power, by supposing it capable, on these nights, of filling the house.

I have no ill-will to Mrs Bulkley; nor is it my interest, or my wish, to withdraw her from the public view. At the same time, I cannot help

thinking she might have done better than have troubled the Public with her present appeal, which I cannot help supposing originates from inexplicable motives. I cannot conclude without observing, that if a Manager does every thing in his power for the entertainment of the public, he certainly is not justly blameable, though an individual performer be dissatisfied. If he has not some authority over his performers, and if, on every occasion, he must enter the lists with anonymous feidlers, or a factious performer, his situation would be altogether insupportable. For my own part, I have only further to assure the Public, that as it is my interest, so it shall be my constant study, to please them, and, in every respect, to obey their commands with gratitude and pleasure; while, at the same time, I hope they will excuse me if I take no notice of any future addresses on this subject.

I am, the humble servant of the Public.

J. JACKSON.

Theatre-Royal, Jan. 31. 1782.

PETER FORRESTER AND COMPANY,

ALWAYS desirous of meriting a share of the favour of the Public, beg leave to inform their friends and customers, that one of the partners has just returned from London, Birmingham, Sheffield, &c. where he has bestowed the usual care and attention in collecting from the best makers, a rich and very elegant assortment of all kinds of Goods in the Jewellery and Hardware branches, in the very newest taste.

They assure themselves, that their present assortment will be found the most complete of any that has appeared for some time past.—The public may assure themselves of finding every article exceedingly reasonable.

Their assortment consists chiefly of

Gold Silver and Pinchbeck Watch-chains of all kinds.
London-made Tea Kitchens, plain, and with plated mounting.
Ditto Coffee Urns, ditto and ditto.
Japanned Tea Trays, Bread Baskets, Waiters, &c.
Plated and Platina Candlesticks of all kinds.
Plated Bread Baskets, Waiters, and Bread Holders.
Plated Tea Pots and Coffee Urns.
Plated sets of Casters, 5 and 8 glasses each.
Plated Salts and Salt Shovels.
Plated Dish Rings and Crosties.
Plated Sugar Baskets, Milk Pots, and Sauce Boats.
Plated Table, Tureen, and Tea Spoons.
Plated Wine-funnels, Bottle-stands, and Wine-labels.
Plated Bridle-bits, Stirrups, & Spors.
Set Shoe, Knee, and Stock Buckles.
Gold and Gilt Bracelets, Bracelet Buckles and Slides.
Plain Gold and Sct Cravat Slides.
A great variety of Breast Pins, in gold and gilt metal, with Enamels, Paintings, Hair Pieces, &c.
Gold Rings set with Diamonds, Hair-Pieces, Paintings, &c.
Gold Lockets set with ditto, &c.
Watch Chains.
Gold, Silver, and Pinchbeck Seals,

All kinds of SILVER PLATE and JEWELLERY WORK made and exchanged, on the most reasonable terms.—They also continue to give the highest prices for light Gold, Old Silver, Lace, &c.

Commissions punctually answered.

At the Russix Warehouse, within the Exchange,

FINE DANTZIG HONEY, at 3s. 6d. per pint.

N. B. WANTED, Two stout Young Men, to be bound Apprentices to a ship in the Pittsburgh trade. They will have so much per year.

AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

By Mr SMITH.

TO BE SOLD by public roup on Monday the 4th February current, first fore-thair below the New Bridge, immediately above Mr Scyth's shop, THE WHOLE FURNITURE of a large lodging, belonging to a gentleman lately deceased, consisting of Tables, Chairs, Drawers, grates, Feather-Beds and Blankets; all sorts of Kitchen Furniture, Water-Jar, &c.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock, and continue till all is sold off.

SALE OF FURNITURE.

TO be SOLD by roup, in that large lodging opposite to the well in the Potterrow, lately possessed by Principal Watson, on Tuesday the 5th day of February current,

All sorts of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Beds, Camp-Beds, Feather-Beds, and one large Down Bed, Blankets, Mattresses, Chairs; and particularly one very large Mahogany Bedstead, with copper-plate curtains and green fringes; a Wine Cooler, and Side-board table; and a variety of other articles.

N. B. This is the same furniture which was advertised to have been sold in a house in Tiviot-row, on Wednesday the 23d of January last; and the proprietor asks pardon of the Public for the sale not taking place on that day, owing to a misunderstanding between him and the proprietor of the house in Tiviot-row.

Not to be repeated.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

By Mrs MILLER Auctioneer.

TO be SOLD by public roup on Tuesday the 5th day of February current, in a lodging of two stories in Wilkie's Close, first door, right hand, nearly opposite to Mr Crichton's entry, Canongate; THE WHOLE FURNITURE of a large lodging, lately belonging to a gentleman gone to England, consisting of tables, chairs, drawers, an eight-day clock, looking-glasses, grates, mounted-beds, feather-beds, blankets, bed and table-linen, a jack, and all sorts of kitchen furniture; with sundry valuable paintings, prints, an organ, a spinet, guitar, silver and plated work, a mahogany book-case glazed, a wine cooler, ornamental china, guns, swords, pistols, a curious table answering for a breakfast table, backgammon table, chess-table, and a dumb-table, table of the new taste; and many other curious and valuable articles.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon, and to continue every day from that hour till all is sold off.

N. B. The above house is to be LET.

CLEANING OF LINTSEED.

TRUSTEES OFFICE, EDIN. FEB. 2. 1782.

THE Commissioners and Trustees for Fisheries, Manufactures, and Improvements in Scotland, do hereby give notice to all importers or dealers in Lintseed, That the Seed must be well cleaned of every noxious weed, before exposed to sale. As the Board understands, that many persons have been in the practice of selling Lintseed in former years, without attending to the hurtful consequences of not cleaning it.

All Dealers are therefore desired to observe, That Lintseed, whether Riga, Dutch, or Scotch, not properly cleaned, is liable by the Law to Seizure; and the officers employed by the Trustees have particular instructions to correct abuses in this matter.

By Order of the Board.

ROB. ARBUTHNOT, Sec.



THE Mercury

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1782.

WILLIAM TURNBULL,

MENS MERCER,

At the Golden Ball, third shop above the Royal Exchange, Edinburgh; Has just got to hand the following New Colours of the best Super-

Le Prince, le Brun, Purville de Versailles,
Prince of Wales's Mixture, and a Variety of other Colours. Also, a large Assortment of every article in the Mercery line. Queen's Cloths, Sagathies, Cashmires for Riding Habits, Ladies Beavers, finest 5-4ths wide Plannels for Shawls.

The above Goods are all fresh, and selling on the very lowest terms.

By the SHERIFF-DEPUTÉ of FORFAR.

THESE are to give notice, that Monday the 11th day of February next, is the day appointed for the election at Forfar of a Member of Parliament, in the place of the deceased William Earl Panmure.

PA. CHALMERS.

By order of ROBERT RANKEN, Esq; of Coldington, Convener of the Commissioners of Supply for the county of Kinross.

THERE is to be a Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply for said County, at Kinross, upon Wednesday the 6th day of February current, in order to take into consideration the laws respecting Distilleries, and the resolutions of the County of Stirling, transmitted to the Convener, upon that subject.

GEO. PEAT, Clk.

By Order of Sir JOHN STUART of ALLANBANK, Bart. Convener of the Commissioners of Supply for the county of Berwick.

THERE is a GENERAL MEETING of the said Commissioners appointed to be held at Greenlaw, upon Friday the 8th of February next, at twelve o'clock noon.

The Convener having received a letter from the Convener of the county of Stirling, enclosing a copy of the minutes of a General Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply and gentlemen of said county, held at Stirling upon the 27th day of December last, in regard to the present Distillery Law, and the mode of executing the same, requires the noblemen and gentlemen of the county of Berwick to meet time and place aforesaid, in order to take under their consideration the said letter and minutes, and the subject in general.

DESERTED, 26th January 1782, from his Majesty's First, or Royal Regiment of Dragoons, quartered at Linlithgow.

JOHN JAMESON.

Five feet eleven inches high, 21 years of age, brown complexion, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, straight and well made, by trade a tay-maker; born in the parish of Roxburgh in North Britain. He went off in his old regimental clothes, with the number of the regiment on the buttons, within a semicircle of a horse shoe, and laced hat, with a plaid on over them, by way of disguise.

He has a woman with him who passes for his wife. He has a father living at Kelso, who is a Chelsea-pensioner from the 1st regiment of Dragoon Guards, where it is possible he may be gone.

Whoever will apprehend and secure the above deserter, and give notice thereof to the Commanding Officer of the regiment at Dalkeith, will receive Twenty Shilling over and above the allowance by act of Parliament.

SALE OF PRIZE-GOODS.

TO be SOLD by public auction at the Warehouse of Messrs Ramsay, Williamson, and Co. Leith, on Thursday the 14th day of February, at eleven o'clock forenoon, in different lots;

Forty-five Tons of UNTARRIED DUTCH ROPE-YARNS, of a remarkable good quality, neatly put up in reels of 300 lb. each, being part of the cargo of the ship *South China*, of 300 tons burthen, command of Captain Willis Macmillan commander, taken on her passage from Amsterdam to Boston.

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A Quantity of Sail Cloth, Sheetings, Morocco Leather, and Calico Womens Shoes, best London make; Manchester Stuffs, Stockings, Linens, Checks, Haberdashery-ware; Tin-basons, Iron-pans, &c. part of the cargo of the American brig *Gulfavia*, taken by the Lively on her passage from Maastricht to Philadelphia.

A reel of the Rope-yarns will be seen at the Warehouse of Messrs Loudoun, Craigie, and Co. Glasgow. For further particulars, and for Catalogues, apply as above.

THAT whereas ALEXANDER INGLIS, in Stirling Shire, in the waulk-mill of Waulkmilton, has obtained an act of sequestration from the Court of Session, for chusing a factor for managing and letting his effects for the benefit of his whole Creditors: These are therefore advertising his whole Creditors to meet at John Robert's at Linlithgow Bridge, upon Wednesday the 13th February curr. by twelve o'clock mid-day, that some method may be fallen on for their payment.

HOUSE, COACH-HOUSE, AND STABLE TO SELL.

TO be SOLD, and entered to Whitfunday next,

THAT Large, Elegant, and Commodious HOUSE, with the Garden thereto belonging, lying upon the south side of St Andrew's Square, and presently possessed by the Countess of Errol. As also, the COACH-HOUSE, and STABLE for six horses, opposite to the garden, and situated on the south side of St Andrew's Muir-Lane.

Enquire at the proprietor, No. 16, Prince's Street.

TO BE SOLD,

THAT DWELLING-HOUSE, with Coach-house, Stables, and other Offices, in George-Street, New Town, belonging to and possessed by Lord Macdonald.

To be let on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from twelve to two o'clock.

For particulars, apply to

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Jan. 29.

The Phoenix, Warwick, from Waterford to Cowes, is put into Wales with the loss of her mainmast.
The Bacchus, Boog, which was on the bar of Oporto, is got off, and into that harbour without damage.
The Eliza, Primrose, from Quebec to London, got on shore in Killmare river, and received so much damage, as to be obliged to tighoad and repair.
The St David, Captain Price, from Jamaica to London, is taken and carried into Salem by a Congress ship of war, after a very severe engagement, in which Captain Price, and several of his men, were killed.

Kinsale 18. This day arrived the Isabella, Moses, from New York bound for Workington; in this vessel came passenger Capt. Dawson, late of the Iris frigate. He sailed from New York in the General Clinton, of London, Capt. Strong, which foundered at sea about a week after sailing; the people were saved by a brig, in company with Captain Dawson, and afterwards put on board the Isabella.

The Mercury, Davis, from Gibraltar, is arrived in Kingroad, after having been aground through the fault of the pilot, and having thrown some of her guns overboard; it is thought the ship has not suffered any material damage.

The St Antonio, Santos, from Oporto, is put into Ramsgate, with the loss of her anchor, cable, and some sails.

Extract of a letter from Dunkirk, 12th Jan. Last Saturday the Ely, a French privateer, in a gale of wind, was drove on the rocks near Boulogne, and immediately went to pieces; she had seven seafarers on board, all of whom, with 48 of the crew, perished; Captain Rypner, and five of the people only, were saved.

Yarmouth 27. This morning a large ship ran foul of the Two Friends, Cabit, from hence for Cork, in Cortion Bay, and did her so much damage that they were obliged to run her on shore.

The Rumbold, Molineux, was spoke with the latter end of June on the windward coast of Africa, all well.

The Nelly (late Fairbrother) from Jamaica to Bristol, was taken the 12th of October, in lat. 41° 30. long. 50. W. by the Gato American privateer, and carried into Salem.

Portsmouth 28. The following men of war are now at this port, most of them ready for sea, viz.

Victory.	Agamemnon.
Juno.	Britannia.
Africa.	Veil.
Queen.	Inflexible.
Aurora.	Ocean.
Raisonnable.	Succes.
Union.	Sceptre.
Alarm.	Alexander.
Medway.	Recovery.
Bellona.	Panther.
Brune.	Berwick.
Assistance.	Medea.
Cumberland.	Renown.
Tartar.	Courageux.
Portland.	Surprise.
Defence.	Argo.
Hyena.	Edgar.
Dolphin.	Cygnet.
Fortitude.	Endymion.
Ranger,	Magnificent.
St Loecadia,	Diligente.
Emerald.	Fame.
Lightning.	Sulphur.

Downs 28. On the 26th inst. in the morning, it blowing hard at W. S. W. the Brilliant East-Indian drove foul of his Majesty's ship Albemarle, and carried away the latter's foremast; the Brilliant is supposed to have received damage. Several ships and vessels parted their anchors and cables, and are gone to the westward. Many more of the outward-bound have received considerable damage. 27th, The ships and vessels, which parted in the gale yesterday, and went to the westward, are put back.

From the London Papers, Jan. 29.

L O N D O N .

No information of a public nature had been received this day at any of the offices when this paper went to press; but Government were in hourly expectation of a packet from the West Indies, which is supposed to be charged with very interesting operations of the fleets in that quarter. Eng. Chron.

Various Councils have been lately held on the subject of the American war, produced by the new representations which have been made, respecting its practicability and expediency, by Lord Cornwallis and General Arnold. The latter gentleman is confidently of opinion, that the subjugation of America may still be effected, and has had repeated interviews with Lord North and the American Secretary for the purpose of explaining his plan, and urging their acquiescence in it. His first proposition, which he makes the condition and corner-stone of his scheme, is this, a new Commander in Chief, and a reinforcement of sixteen thousand men. With a compliance in these two circumstances, he pledges himself, and says he will stake his existence upon the event, that the whole of the rebel-provinces, as they are called, will once more be reduced under the power of this country. How far administration have concurred in this scheme has not yet transpired, but eight regiments of infantry have been already determined upon for that service, and the Anspach and Hesse troops are also engaged, and in all probability for the same purpose. Ibid.

General Arnold went about half an hour after one o'clock yesterday to the levee at St James's, and was introduced to his Majesty, by whom he was most graciously received, and had the honour of a conference. The General remained at the levee about three quarters of an hour. He was dressed in regiments; his left leg being much wounded, he wore a high-heeled shoe, and leaned on the arm of a young naval officer. He has a pleasing countenance, and a keen, penetrating eye. His stature is about five feet eight, and he appears to be about forty-five years of age. Ibid.

Ministry are very anxious for intelligence, either from the Southern Colonies, or Jamaica, as they have not yet heard what became of Du Barras's squadron after they parted from De Grasse off the Chesapeake. They were not returned to Rhode Island when the last advices came from New York; therefore it is most probable they are either gone to Porto Rico or St Domingo. The squadron consists of nine sail of the line and a fifty gun ship.

We hear that the Spaniards have upwards of forty sail of the line now lying inactive in Cadiz harbour, but there are not above 25 sail of them fit to put to sea. They are fitting a squadron out for the Havannah, and it is said they will consist of ten sail. Had the Spaniards followed the example of their neighbours, the situation of this country would have been deplorable indeed; the French have been, during this war, exceedingly active, and the Dons very supine.

This morning some dispatches were received from Admiral Rodney, dated at sea the 22d instant, brought by a ship arrived at Torbay from Lisbon, by which we are informed that they were all well.

The Board of Trade have appointed the 26th day of next month for hearing the complaints against Governor Cunningham, by Council; and as on all occasions of hearings against

Governors, it is an open Court, great numbers of people, it is expected will attend; and we hear that Mess. Dunning and Erskine are already retained by Mr Estwick, on the part of the Assembly, and the Solicitor General, and Mr Lee on the part of the Governor. It is thought, from the known abilities of the Council, that it will be a very interesting hearing.

Yesterday, a petition from the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the city of Bristol, was presented to the House, "Complaining of the present situation of affairs at home and abroad, and humbly requesting that honourable House to adopt such measures as wisdom may suggest, for enabling his Majesty to put an end to the unnatural, unfortunate, and expensive war in America, and for producing a radical alteration in the management of public affairs, by which alone the evils impending on us, and our posterity can be averted." The same was ordered to lie on the table; and Sir George Yonge rose and said, the petition was of so much importance, that he hoped a day would be set apart for taking it into the most serious consideration of the House.

Mr Lester, from the Excise Office, attended the House of Commons yesterday, and presented, pursuant to order, an account of the tax upon post-horses, from 1st August 1780, to 1st August 1781. The title was read, and the account ordered to lie on the table. By this account the net produce amounts to 97,231. 18. 11 d. the net product of London and Middlesex is 25,203 l. 12 s. 11 d.

Mr Michell attended the House of Commons yesterday, and presented several accompts relative to the East India Company, pursuant to the orders of that House of the 10th and 11th of April, and 3d of May last—the titles were read, and the accompts ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Miford, from the Customs in Scotland, presented, yesterday, to the House of Commons, seven different accompts of exports and imports.

Yesterday General Ranshemplat was at the levee, at St James's, for the first time since his return from America.

As were General Arnold, and Lord Chewton, son to Lord Waldgrave; the former was presented by Sir Walter Stirling, and the latter by Lord Waldgrave.

Yesterday Sir John Burgoyne took his final leave of the Earl of Hillsborough, on his setting off for Portsmouth, to embark for the East Indies.

As the answer given by the Duc de Crillon's ancestor to his Sovereign Henry III. of France, and referred to in General Murray's letter, is not generally known, it is said by Montesquieu to be as follows:—"That he would, if his Majesty ordered, fight; but would not assassinate the Duc de Guise."

It was strongly reported yesterday, that advices had been received from Ostend, Rating, that an express had arrived at Amsterdam, with an account of our forces in the East-Indies having taking the rich Dutch settlement of Batavia, and also the island of Ceylon, which the United States had committed to the protection of the French. The accounts add, that both conquests were carried without opposition.

Some of the men of war which quitted Torbay on the 14th instant, under the command of Sir George Rodney, are said to be bound to New-York, to replace the London and Robuste, which lately left that station; and the whole of the fleet is not to go to the West-Indies, as was generally believed by most of the merchants. The other men of war intended for the West-Indies are ordered to escort the outward-bound trade, which now lies in the Downs for a fair wind.

Notwithstanding the report of a part of our fleet being settled for the New-York station, yet, if a junction between Sir George Rodney and Admiral Hood takes place, we shall be much superior to any force that have in those seas; and there can be no doubt, but we will take care to keep as good a look-out for any fleet of theirs, that may sail hereafter, as Admiral Kempenski had against Mons. Guichen and Vaudreuil's fleet.

It has been suggested, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer intends to raise a part of the fund for paying the interest of this year's loan, by an additional charge on the postage of letters: From the accounts of the Post-office it will appear pretty clearly, that without infringing on the privilege of franking, enjoyed by members of Parliament, the Minister may easily realize a fund of 60,000 l. a year, by the addition of only one third of the present rate of postage; for instance, by charging three-pence for letters, which are now charged only two-pence: But with the doubling on double letters, the fund might possibly rise to 100,000 l. per annum.

Nothing can be more impolitic in Parliament, than to call for the secret intelligence sent to our ministers by their spies in the countries of our enemies. Mr Panton advanced it as a certain fact, that the intelligence laid before the House of Commons, some years ago, relative to the failing of the first squadron that left France in the present war, under the command of Comte d'Elaing, had cost a man his life; for the French ministry were enabled to trace him out, and he was accordingly hanged.

This must naturally deter other spies from entering into our service, and giving us intelligence, when it is known that, exclusive of the ordinary dangers to which spies in general are exposed, they must run the extraordinary risk of having their dispatches laid before the world, with this single reserve, that their names are not made public: But there may be a thousand circumstances that may lead to a detection; and then, contrary to every rule of sound policy, we may be said to deliver up our own spies to execution.

The case of Hervey, who was tried at the last session at the Old Bailey for forgery, and under a special verdict was referred for the determination of the twelve Judges, has been brought before them, and the law finally settled on that subject. The case was summarily this: He uttered a bill of exchange, indorsed B. Macarty, and said that his name was Macarty, and that the indorsement was in his own hand-writing. On the trial it was proved, and the jury found, that the indorsement was not of the hand-writing of Hervey, but really of Macarty; it followed of course, that the indorsement was not forged; the difficulty therefore was, whether, by having perforated the indorsement, he had brought himself within the statute against forgery. The Judges have determined in the negative, so that the man's life is safe; but he remains to be tried for a conspiracy, in having set up, in conjunction with diverse others, pretended banking-houses in Bath and London, with an intention to defraud.

Extract of a letter from Trieste, Jan. 1.

" The Imperial Asiatic Company will soon be established on a very permanent basis, as the Sovereign gives it every countenance and assistance in his power. Six ships will be sent

out to the East Indies this year; Commodore Spratt will have the command. New vessels are ordered to be bought in England, Holland, or wherever they can be procured for this purpose. The Genoese have agreed to build for his Imperial Majesty's service, one ship of 50 guns, and two frigates of 46 guns each, so that the Emperor will have a navy also shortly, a measure which his Majesty seems very desirous of. It is talked, as if the See of Rome would cede to his Imperial Majesty a port of some consequence in the dominions of the church. If this is accomplished, we must come in for a great share of traffic in due time."

E D I N B U R G H .

Extract of a letter from London, Jan. 29.

" The House of Commons met to-day, and, as soon as the Speaker could collect one hundred members together, proceeded to ballot for a Committee to decide upon the merits of the late election for Poole, which having done, the Committee were severally sworn at the table, and are to sit to-morrow morning on the business before them.

" The House went into a Committee, Mr Ord in the chair, when Sir Grey Cooper moved, that it was the resolution of the said Committee, that an additional bounty of twenty shillings per ton should be allowed upon the ships employed in the Greenland fishery, for a certain time. The motion was agreed to without a debate.

" Sir Joseph Mawbey reminded the House, that the former call of the members stood for Thursday next. There was no one wished more than the honourable member to have the call strictly and completely enforced; but he, at the same time, submitted it to their consideration, whether it would not be better to postpone the order till a further day, and then to proceed immediately against all defaulters? This, he said, to be sure, might be done on Thursday, but that would, perhaps, be too short a day; whereas, on a longer day, the members who should not attend would have the less excuse, and the House be more fully justified in proceeding against them. The Honourable Baronet, therefore, moved, " That the order of the day, for calling over the House on Thursday, should be discharged."

" Mr Rolle said, no one wished more than he did that the call of the House should be enforced; and hoped the Honourable Baronet, who had just spoken, would move the House, against those defaulters who were his friends, as well as those who were not. Notwithstanding his opinion, that the call should be properly enforced, he was, however, inclined to think, that it should, in some instances, be dispensed with, as many Members of the House resided at a great distance from the capital, and others had their own private estates to look after; and it would be very hard upon them, if they should be prevented from attending to their own personal interest.

" Sir Joseph Mawbey answered the Honourable Gentleman, and said he had no partiality in the matter. His opinion was, that no one defaulter should be discriminated from another, but that the whole should be dealt with alike. He should not, therefore, be deterred from using his endeavours to enforce the call of the House, as far as it should be found possible to do it.

" Mr Rolle still charged the Honourable Baronet with partiality, and repeated his observation, that it was very hard upon Gentlemen that they could not be allowed to attend to their own private affairs.

" The Speaker said, that as the call of the House was to be enforced, it was necessary to proceed according to the known rules that had been observed in such cases; and, in doing the partiality, he trusted, would be shown to any one. Previous to the call, he had received many letters, he said, from different members of the House, assigning the reason for non-attendance. Their excuse he thought it incumbent on him to lay before the House, and further than that he did not mean to do. The House would decide according to the usual course taken on such occasions.

" Mr Rolle spoke again, and said, he hoped those members would be proceeded against, who had given no reason why they had not attended.

" Mr Byng rose with some warmth, and said, he was much surprised to hear it thrown out by the Honourable Gentleman who spoke last, that those who lived at a distance ought to be excused. He was of a very different way of thinking. He thought no distance should excuse the defaulters; for when any member took a seat in that House, he took a trust he was bound to execute. With regard to his attending to his own private estate, he held it as his opinion, that the interest of the Public was to be the first thing attended to. He had his own personal interests to mind, but he regarded before that the trust he had taken upon him. Many members, he said, had written him, requesting him to lay before the House the reasons of their absence; but he had declined to do so, for he did not think their neglect, provided their health would serve, admitted of any excuse. He had always thought it his duty to attend his duty in Parliament; and he was determined, as far as it lay in his power, to make others do it. Upon the whole, he wished the call to stand for Thursday.

" Mr Barrow spoke strongly for enforcing the call of the House, and said, he was old enough to remember, that when a call took place, no member was permitted to leave town, without the permission of the Speaker.

" Sir Joseph Mawbey said a few words, and withdrew his motion, so that the call of the House stands for Thursday, till which time the House adjourned, to-morrow being the anniversary of King Charles's Martyrdom.

" The House of Lords meet on Friday, and proceed to business for the first time since the holidays."

" The boy who drove the Bath and Bristol mail, which should have come in on Monday, was drowned; it is feared that the mails are lost."

" On the 28th of January last, the lady of Sir John Henderson, Bart. was safely delivered of a daughter, at General Robertson's house in Wimpole-street, London.

" On the 29th ult. died Mrs Sinclair of Duran, universally and justly regretted. It is hoped her friends and relations will accept of this as a sufficient notification of her death.

" On Wednesday the 23d January 1782, died at Castlewigg, Wigtonshire, Hugh Hathorn of Castlewigg, Esq;

" The Regiment of South Fencible men, commanded by his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, we are informed, come in to Edinburgh, in place of the 25th regiment, who have received a route to march to Coventry, as formerly mentioned. The 48th regiment, who were designed for this station, it seems are at present too few in number for the Edinburgh duty, and we hear are under orders for Glasgow.

A letter received by a house in Birmingham from their correspondent at Lyons, dated January 9, says "All the merchants of this place had a meeting on the 5th inst. by order of the minister, to give in our remonstrances and petitions against an act which Mess. Orfels de Paris have obtained, to impose a duty of 54 livres (about 6s. 6d.) per hundred weight, on all goods whatever coming from England, in order to encourage the manufactures the said gentlemen have established in France. In consequence of our representations, we hope to be able to frustrate their sinister designs, which would be the entire annihilation of our commerce."

The Molly, Ritchie, on Friday arrived at Greenock. She sailed with a fleet under convoy of the Surprise and Danae frigates; and, on Friday the 18th inst., fell in with Admiral Rodney's fleet, consisting of twelve sail of the line, and two frigates, at the bottom of the Bay of Biscay, all well.

The Glasgow, Russel, from Clyde, is arrived at St Lucia.

The Adventure, Fife, from St Kitt's, is arrived at Charlestown.

The Albion, Robertson, arrived in Lochindal, Islay, from St Lucia, on Sunday the 20th current.

Wednesday last, Robert McCrae, a stay-maker in Calton of Glasgow, was rode down, near his own door, by some horses going to the country. His scull was fractured in a shocking manner, and the poor man languished till Friday, when he died.

A S S E M B L Y - H A L L.

Tuesday next, the 5th inst., there will be an ASSEMBLY, as Thursday, the 7th, is appointed for a General Fast. To begin at seven o'clock.

Tickets to be had of Mr. Richardson, in the Exchange; and Mr. Spankie, opposite the Tron-church.

A correspondent has favoured us with the following return of officers and privates taken with Lord Cornwallis at York-Town, Virginia, on the 19th October, 1781, which we hope will be acceptable to our readers:

General and Staff Officers,	Total 79
Royal artillery,	211
Conductors, artificers, &c.	313
Guards,	527
Light infantry,	671
17th Regiment,	245
23d do.	233
33d do.	260
43d do.	359
71st do.	300
76th do.	715
80th do.	680
Two Anspach battalions,	1077
Prince Hereditary,	484
Regiment de Boe,	349
Yagers,	74
British legion,	241
Queen's Rangers,	320
North Carolina volunteers,	142
Pioneers,	44
Engineers,	2
Officers and privates from different corps of	23
new levies on recruiting service,	84
Taken on 14th and 16th O'cober,	43
Hospital department,	19
Commissary do.	80
Followers of the army,	
	Total, 7302

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N.

1 Lieut. General,	
2 Brig. do.	
2 Colonels,	
14 Lieut. Colonels,	
16 Majors,	
97 Captains,	
180 Lieutenants,	
55 Ensigns,	
4 Chaplains,	
6 Adjutants,	
18 Quarter-Masters,	

18 Surgeons,
25 Maters,
385 Serjeants,
179 drummers and trumpeters,
6039 Privates, rank and file,
1 Town Major,
1 Commissary of prisoners,
63 Conductors, artificers, Pro-
volts, &c.
80 Followers of the army.

N. B. Only 3800 capable of bearing arms the day of the surrender, the remainder sick or wounded.—The combined force to oppose the Lordship, agreeable to their own returns published, was 19,787, including about 5000 militia.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

S I R,
A GOOD Player can do nothing reprehensible," so says A Mythophilus;—but he must permit me to be an unbeliever of his creed; a ten years acquaintance with the stage and its professors, has led me into a less pleasing opinion of their hearts and minds. I have heard the noblest sentiments fall from the lips of a beauty, whose depraved morals

"Even day itself would quake to look upon."

Garrick, the immortal Garrick! I have known to pass a sleepless night, in consequence of a trifling plaudit given to an inferior actor. If he, who was "Nature's darling child," could be a slave to the very worst of passions, envy, why should we suppose the other children of the flock and buskin exempt from the failing?—I am led into these reflections from a perusal of some theatrical critiques lately published in one of the Edinburgh papers, where the most fulsome compliments are paid to one object, and the utmost malevolence exerted against another. This could not be done by a disinterested pen; and I will venture to affirm, an actor or actress are deeper in the secret than is prudent to declare. The persons alluded to are Mrs Bulkley and Mr Ward;—the first, a veteran of the stage, having trod the boards from her cradle;—the other, a very young actor, but not inferior either in feeling, humour, voice, or person. We will grant his action somewhat redundant; but that may arise from inexperience, and what the practice of eighteen or twenty years may lessen and improve. I own I admire Mr Ward, and think him by much the best genteel comedian in the three kingdoms, Mr Lewis, of Covent Garden, excepted. The principal part of the Edinburgh audience coincide in this opinion, and bestow their applause, uninfluenced by the ill-natured remarks of Mythophilus. These are the sentiments of one who ventures to judge for himself, and who avers, that Mrs Bulkley's performance of Lady Racker would be a different exhibition, if not well supported by Mr Ward's Sir Charles.

I cannot conclude this without thanking Mr. Hollingsworth for the entertainment he gave me in the part of Drugged: His performance of that character is no trifling support to the ruin of the farce.

V E R I T A S.

Errat. in our last, Meeting Commissioners of Supply, County of Berwick, for Thurday the 7th, read Friday the 8th February.

February 1.

SIGNORA CORRI'S NIGHT

WILL be the 5th of February next, in St Cecilia's Hall.—Tickets

to be had at Mrs Innes's shop, head of Niddry's Wynd, and at

Signora Corri's, Lady Stair's Close, Lawn-market.

L E I T H S H I P P I N G.

Jan. 31.	ARRIVED, Betty, Lyell, from Dundee, with barley. Elizabeth, Peacock, from ditto, with ditto. Nelly, Tulloch, from Bainsford, with adic. Peggy, Ross, from ditto, with ditto. Mally, Brown, from Montrose, with goods. Thomas, Grant, from Aberdeenshire, in ballast. James and Margaret, Dingwall, from ditto, in ditto. Feb. 2.
	Leith Packet, Foord, from Carron, with goods. And ten sloops with coals.

G R E E N O C K S H I P P I N G.

Jan. 29.	ARRIVED, Two Bulles, from the Bust-fishing, with herrings. 30. Five ditto, from ditto, with ditto.
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F A I L E D.

Jan. 28.	Menny, Brew, for Liverpool, with turnips. Penelope, Service, for St Kitt's, with goods. 29. A Tender, for England, with impressed men. Capt. Crawford's cutter, on a cruise. 30. General Dalling, Heartwell, for Jamaica, with goods. Bird, M'Donald, for ditto, with ditto. Britannia, Buchanan, for ditto, with ditto. Jeanie, Barkley, for ditto, with ditto. Cattlemple, M'Kinlay, for St Kitt's, with ditto. Hope, Conn, for Tortola, with ditto.
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J O H N R I T C H I E, Slater,

TAKES this method of informing his Friends and the Public in general, that he continues to carry on the Slater Business in all its branches, at his yard, Cowgate-head, late Mr Adams'. Those gentlemen who please to favour him with their employment, either in town or country, may depend upon the greatest care and assiduity in executing the same.

He returns his most sincere thanks to those gentlemen who have favoured him with their employment, and solicits a continuance of their future commands.

S A L E O F W I N E S.

JAMES GORDON begs leave to acquaint his Friends and the Public, That he is now gone to reside at Portsoy, but that Genuine Wines continue to be sold on reasonable terms, as formerly, at his cellar at Leith. All orders in future to be addressed to James Gordon and Co. Leith, (who will pay particular attention to them) with whom those indebted to Mr Gordon are requested to settle.

N. B. James Taylor, formerly Mr Gordon's clerk, has no authority to discharge any of his accounts.

T O Y - S H O C K,

Next Door to the Entry of the Exchange, EDINBURGH.

ROBERT JOHNSTON has received a New Assortment of the following amongst many other GOODS, which he is resuled to sell on the very lowest terms.

A very great choice of Ladies & Umbrellas of all kinds.

Gentlemen's Buckles, the most fa Steel Fore and Back Collars for young Ladies.

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Ladies Elegant Set Buckles.

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Gold Lockets, Bracelets, and Shirt Pins.

A great variety of Smelling Bottles, in gold, silver, and tortoise shell.

Buckles, Buttons, &c.

Snuff Boxes of all kinds.

Seals, set in gold and pinchbeck gilt.

A complete assortment of Cypher'd Seals.

Ladies and Gentlemen's Pocket and Memorandum Books, embroidered and Turkey leather.

Ladies Needle Books & Pin-cushion Boxes.

Silk Purse plain and embroidered, and Purse Runners of all kinds.

Gold and Silver Pencil Cases, Pens, and Brads Pens.

Gold, Silver, & Pinchbeck Watches, warranted good.

Japanned Bed-room ditto, & Snuff-pans.

Plated Porter Mugs.

Plated Caftors, Salts, Drinking Cups, Wine-Funnels, and Punch Drainers.

Plated Mustard Pots, Bottle Stands, and Milk Pails.

Table Croffes, plated or japanned.

Great choice of plated Candlesticks, newest pattern.

Mahogany and Pinchbeck Candlesticks.

Silk Hair, Steel, and gilt Watch-chains for Ladies and Gentlemen.

Table Knives and Forks of all kinds.

Mahogany and Skene Cafes for ditto and Spoons.

Tea & Table Spoons, silver, plated, and metal.

Bread Baskets, Toasted Bread Holders, and Servers, plated or japanned.

Netting Needles and Pins, Ladies Netting Boxes, and Steel Plate Warmers, Table Buffs, Cork Screws, and Table Bells.

Tortoise-shell, Boxwood, Ivory, and Horn Combs.

Penknives, Scissars, and Razors, of silver and wooden Pinch-ladies all kinds.

Silver, Tortoise-shell, and Steel framed Spectacles for all ages, and Cafes for ditto.

Opera Glasses, Concave Spectacles, Reading Glases, & Telescopes.

Great choice of Walking Canes, with gold, ivory, and gilt-heads.

Sticks and Whips of all kinds.

Hair, Silk, Silver, & Gold-wrought Cane Strings.

Ladies and Gentlemen's Dressing & Gun Screws and Chargers.

Boxes and Travelling Cafes.

N. B. All sorts of Silver and Jewellery Work, and Hair Pieces, done in the neatest manner, on the shortest notice.

The highest price given for Old Gold and Silver; likewise Silver Plate exchanged on the most reasonable terms.

* * * Mr RAE's POWDER and TINCTURE for the TEETH and GUMS, with directions how to use both.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of the deceased ALEXANDER GORDON of Carlton are requested to lodge their notes of the debts due to them with Robert Ferguson writer in Wigton, factor upon the estate of the deceased, betwixt and the 1st day of March next. The factor proposes immediately thereafter to divide the funds in his hands among the Creditors; and as it will be necessary to make out a scheme of division, such creditors as shall not have lodged notes of their debts, as aforesaid, cannot be included in the scheme; and consequently they will disappoint themselves of any share of the funds then to be divided.

Not to be repeated.

At London---for Leith and Borrowstounness,

With C. N. V. O. R.

THE POMONA,

WILLIAM MARSHALL Master,

IS now loading at Hawley's Wharf, near the

Heronbridge, taking in goods for Edin-

burgh, Leith, and all places adjacent, fails

with the first convoy.

be SOLD, together or separately, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

TWO HOUSES, being the Third Storey of the east and west sides of M'LELLAN's LAND, at the head of the Cowgate. The east side consists of five rooms, kitchen, pantry, closets, &c. and the west side, of seven rooms, kitchen, pantry, closets, and many other conveniences. There is a garret and cellar belonging to each side; and they may be possessed together, or as two separate houses. To be seen every day from twelve to two o'clock.

For particulars, apply to Andrew Mackenzie writer to the signet.

TO BE LET

And entered to immediately, or at Whitsunday next,
A Very Gentle House in RAMSAY GARDEN, consisting of four floors. In the sunk flat is kitchen, pantry, larder, and housekeeper's room, with cellars, water-pipe, and back-garden. On the street floor are a fore-palour and a handsome dining-room. Second flat is a large drawing-room and bed-room. In the lodging storey are three bed-rooms. And three garret-rooms above, with fires. A Coach and Stable may be had along with the house, if required; and also a Grasfield adjoining. A large Vault, also in Ramsay Garden, to Let, fit to hold a quantity of wine or strong-ale in casks.

INN TO BE SOLD,

By Adjournment—Upset Price Reduced.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 6th of February 1782, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

That commodities INN in the burgh of Kinghorn, some time possessed by John Swanston, late vintner there; with the Garden, Stables, &c. thereto belonging.

The title-deeds and articles of roup will be shown by James Bremer writer in Edinburgh, to whom any person inclining to purchase by private bargain may apply; and John Hutton town-clerk of Kinghorn, will show the subjects.—Not to be repeated.

THREE is to be SOLD by roup, upon the 4th day of February next, within the house of Edward Balmain vintner Linlithgow, at one o'clock afternoon,

The Twenty-Shilling Land of IRONGATH-HILLS, with the tredits and pertinents, lying within the barony of Kinneil and parish of Borrowstounness, consisting of about 40 acres, full of coal, and pleasantly situated half way betwixt the towns of Linlithgow and Borrowstounness. The lands may be improved at a small expence; and, for the encouragement of purchasers, they will be set up at a low price.

Articles and conditions of roup to be seen in the hands of Mr James Watson writer in Linlithgow, to whom any intending to purchase by private bargain may apply.

SALE of LANDS and HOUSES in FIFE, BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the house of David Methven vintner in Cupar, upon Thursday the 28th day of February 1782, between the hours of 3 and 5 afternoon,

The REMAINING SUBJECTS which belonged to David Melville of South Balfour, in the lots aftermentioned.

Lot I. The Three Ninth Parts of the Lands of Balfour, commonly called South Balfour, lying in the parish of Ceres and shire of Fife, extending to about 52 acres. These lands are in a state of high cultivation, and are inclosed and subdivided, partly with stone dykes, and partly with ditch and hedge, having strips and belts of planting, and clumps of planting in different places in a very thriving condition. There is a convenient brewery lately erected upon the premises, having a plentiful command of water, and the lands lie in the neighbourhood of coal and lime.

Lot II. These Houses and Yards in the Stable-hill of Ceres, with the pertinents, which sometime pertained to Alexander Reid, formerly of South Balfour.

Lot III. That Inclosure of Land called Chalmers's Park, lying near the said town of Ceres, consisting of about six acres, possessed by Mr Benet : As also, the Brae called the Orchard, consisting of upwards of one acre; together with a Lint-mill, Dwelling-house, and pertinents, possessed by Duncan McDonald; and the house presently occupied as a meeting-house, with the yard and pertinents thereto belonging, situated in the south end of the said town of Ceres.

Lot IV. These two acres of Arable Land, lying near the said town of Ceres, call'd the Locky Flat, possessed by the said David Mcilv.

Lot V. That Acre of Land called Dura's Acre, lying near the said town of Ceres, and presently possessed by John Shanks.

For further particulars apply to James Thomson writer to the signet, Oliver Gourlay of Craigrothie, or to George Tod writer in Edinburgh.

SALE OF LANDS IN FIFE, AND HOUSES AND GARDEN IN KIRKCALDY.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup within the Exchange coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 7th day of March next, between the hours of four and six afternoon, the following SUBJECTS, in the Lots after mentioned.

Lot I. The North-east Third Part of the Lands of Auchmuir, lying in the parish of Kinglassie, and shire of Fife, consisting of about 112 acres, presently possessed by John Coalier, at the yearly rent of 31L. sterling. The lands are of good quality; and there is a new and commodious toll-stead and offices upon the premises. The present tack expires at Martinmas 1784. Great part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purchaser's hands, to answer a licent.

Lot II. That new and handsome HOUSE, lying on the south side of the High-street of Kirkcaldy; three Dwelling-Houses on the east, and Stable and Cellar on the west, with a large Garden at the back thereof; and malt-barn, kiln, and draw-well at the foot of the garden; all presently possessed by John Rentoul merchant, and his tenants. The house consists of a parlour, two-bed rooms and kitchen, on the ground thereof; a dining-room, and three bed-rooms in the second flat; and a large garret above; and there is a pump-well of soft water in the cloke. The garden is inclosed on all sides with a high stone wall; is neatly laid out, and planted with fruit trees, shrubs, and flowers.

For further particulars application may be made to William Keith accomptant, or to George Tod writer in Edinburgh, who will show the conditions of sale and progress of wits.

PART of the EARL of ERROL's ESTATE IN ABERDEEN-SHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Friday the 1st day of March 1782, at six o'clock afternoon,

The whole LANDS and FISHINGS in the parish of Slains, and shire of Aberdeen, which belong in property to Earl of Errol.—Together with the RIGHT OF PATRONAGE of the United Parish of Slains and Furvie.

These Lands hold of the Crown, lie within twelve miles of the town of Aberdeen, are very extensive and improvable, being well supplied with lime-stone, and accommodated with plenty of moats.

At the said town of Colliestown there is a commodious and safe harbour for vessels from 50 to 60 tons burden; and the water of Ythan runs along the south side of the Lands of Slains, and is navigable a considerable way above them. The gross rental of the above Lands and Fishings is 1029L. 13 s. 8 d. Sterling, in which is included 21L. 9 s. 9 d. Sterling, paid by the tenants for land tax.

ALSO, The Lands of LUDQUHARN, which lie in the parish of Langside, barony of Kelly, and within the burriffusion of Aberdeen. The gross rental of these Lands is 308L. 4 s. Sterling. They are low rented, very improvable, and well accommodated with moats. They hold feu of Earl Fife for payment of 21L. 6 s. 8 d. Scots.

For further particulars application may be made to John Wauchope writer to the signet; George Moir, Esq; of Scotton, at Aberdeen; or Mr Alexander Elles, at Peterhead, factor upon the estates.

N. B. The SUPERIORITIES formerly advertised, will not be sold till further notice.

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St. JAMES'S SQUARE, EDINBURGH.

In which are AREAS to be feued for Building.

THE Situation of this Square is dry and healthy. It is sheltered by the New Town from the west wind, which blows with such violence from that quarter. It is without the reach of the stench of the butchers shambles, so intolerable to the neighbourhood. It has most extensive views over the adjacent country, over the frith of Forth, and over almost the whole coast of Fife, which nothing possible can ever intercept. It is only a short walk from the Royal Botanic Garden, and has ready access to a variety of agreeable airings in the country.

It is very near to five different churches; to the public markets; and to the Theatre Royal. It is close adjoining to the area upon which the New Assembly Room is to be built, and to that useful and elegant building the Register Office, in which the whole Gentlemen of the law are concerned: And it is nearer to the University, to the High School, to the Parliament-House, to the General Post-Office, to the Boards of Custom and Excise, &c. than any part of the New Town, a very few houses excepted.

Beside all these local advantages, the Feuers of St James's Square will be free of the land-tax, of minister's stipend, of scutage on trade, of imposts on liquors, and of the many other impositions to which the inhabitants within the royalty of the city of Edinburgh are subject.—There is plenty of good water in the ground, to be had at a very small expence; and all the feuers are to be taken bound to contribute their proportion to the public police of the Square, viz. scavengers, lamps, &c.

ALSO to be FEUED, a number of AREAS for building, on the lower ground adjoining the Square, which is also without the royalty of the city of Edinburgh, and are remarkably well adapted for shops, warehouses, wine-cellars, &c.

Mr Ferguson the proprietor, first storey of Gavinloch's land, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, will show a plan of the Square, the streets where the other buildings are proposed, and inform as to the terms, and every other particular relative to the premises.

Houses in Horse-wynd and Argyle's Square.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Friday 15th February instant, at six o'clock afternoon,

A DWELLING-HOUSE in the Horse-wynd, belonging to and lately possessed by James Erskine, Esq; of Cardross, with coach-house, stable, and hay-loft, back-area, and other conveniences. The house will accommodate a large family. The coach-house, stable, and hay-loft will be exposed separately if purchaser shall incline.

AS ALSO, The DWELLING-HOUSE in Argyle's Square, belonging to and lately possessed by David Erskine clerk to the signet. This house consists of 12 rooms, with kitchen, garrets, excellent cellars, a back area, water-ing, and other conveniences. One of the rooms is 30 feet by 18, and of a proper height. The situation is pleasant and central. The purchaser may enter immediately.

The upset price of the house to be 750L. Sterling.

For further particular apply to the said David Erskine.

HOUSES to LET in Canongate.

To be LET and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THAT commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, entering from the close on the south side of the Canongate, immediately below Mr Crichton's Coach-yard, consisting of two stories, and containing dining-room, drawing-room, four bed-chambers, kitchen, and other conveniences, presently possessed by William Wood, Esq;

Also, the DWELLING-HOUSE entering from the turnpike immediately above Mr Wood's close, which contains dining-room, drawing-room, four bed-chambers, kitchen, presently possessed by Mr Hadaw; and the attic storey, consisting of two rooms and a kitchen, will be let together, or separate from said house.

Also, that DWELLING-HOUSE, of two stories and garrets, on the opposite side of the street, containing dining-room, drawing-room, two bed-rooms, two garret-rooms, kitchen, cellar, &c. lately possessed by Mr Colquhoun. And,

A small low DWELLING-HOUSE adjoining to Mr Wood's house. For particulars apply to William Ramay clerk to the signet.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

SALE of NEW HOUSES in St Patrick's Street, at the foot of Nicolion's Street.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the house of William Archibald factor in St Patrick's Street, upon Monday next the 4th of February 1782, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon.

SEVERAL FLATS or STOREYS of these two new tenements lately built by the said William Archibald, beginning the said street of St Patrick's Street, on the east and west sides, viz. A Flat or Storey, being the first in the west tenement, consisting of a dining-room, drawing room, two bed-rooms and closets, kitchen, and two cellars, with the privilege of a well; and Three Flats, or Storeys, and Garrets, being the whole of the east tenement except the shops, each flat consisting of a dining-room, drawing-room, three bed rooms, two bed closets, and other closets; piaffes; a large kitchen and cellar, with the privilege of a well.

The whole of the subjects are finished in a most complete and elegant manner, and in a healthy and agreeable situation, on the spot of ground formerly called Cobble-hall; and will be sold in whole or in flats, as purchasers shall incline.

The progress of wits, which are clear, and articles of roup, will be seen in the hands of Thomas Baillie writer in Edinburgh; and copies in the hands of the said William Archibald, who will show the subjects every day, and to whom any person inclining to purchase by private bargain may apply.

SALE OF HOUSES.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th February next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

I. THREE SHOPS with BACK-HOUSES upon the north side of the Cowgate, betwixt Liberton and Forrester's Wynd, possessed by Mr Macdiarmid, John Eason, and Mrs Macintyre, rented altogether at 16L.

II. THE DWELLING-HOUSES immediately above said shops, possessed by George Kinnear, Duncan Mackenzie, James Rae, James Brown, Mrs Barou, William Irvine, and Mrs Ruthven, rented at 28L. 10 s.

III. TWO HOUSES lying in the Back Stairs from the Parliament-Close to the Cowgate, possessed by Donald Cameron and David Burrell, rented at 12L. 14 s.

IV. TWO HOUSES about the middle of Niddry's Wynd, and east side thereof, possessed by John Brough and Mrs Finlay, rented at 8L.

V. A LODGING at the head of the Marquis of Tweeddale's Close, Netherbow, being the first storey of the new-built lands, consisting of four rooms and kitchen, possessed by Miss Hope, rented at 15L.; and a low Dwelling-House on the ground of said tenement, possessed by Mr Adams, at 8L.

VI. A TENEMENT in the Potterrow, containing the house and bake-house possessed by John Macgrev; another house and bake-house possessed by Thomas Anderson; and the houses above, possessed by James Thomson, Margaret Morris, Mrs Dunbar, Robert Winter, and Mr Kellie, rented at 25L. 10 s.

VII. EIGHT SMALL HOUSES lying about the middle of the Kirkgate of Leith, and west side of the street, possessed by Alexander Proudfoot and others, rented at 7L. 10 s.

VIII. A HOUSE and CELLAR near the head of Halkerton's Wynd, with the windows to Bridge Street, possessed by Mr Thomson, and rented at 8L.

The progress of wits are in the hands of Francis Strachan writer to the signet; to whom, or to Mr John Hay accomptant, intended purchasers may apply.

All or any of the above lots can be sold by private bargain.

WOODS TO BE SOLD.

TO be exposed to SALE, by public roup, within the house of John Bain vintner in Borrowstounness, on Monday the 4th of February 1782, at twelve o'clock.

The NATURAL WOOD of KINNEIL, in the neighbourhood of Borrowstounness, consisting of Oak, Ash, Beech, and Alder, and extending to 70 acres or thereby. To be properly cut and felled. It is upwards of 30 years since any of this Wood was last cut.

N. B. There will also, on same day, be exposed to sale, in separate lots, some very FINE OLD TREES, consisting of Oak, Ash, Elm, and Plane.

The articles of sale may be seen in the hands of John Barrell Chamberlain of Kinneil, at his house, at Snab, by Borrowstounness, who will show the wood to any person intending to purchase.

By Adjournment, and prices reduced.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within John's Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Friday the 22d February inst, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

The Lands and Estate of NEWFIELD, lying in the parish of Durdonald, within four miles of the towns of Irvine and Kilmarnock, and eight of the county town of Ayr. These lands are sufficiently inclosed, and divided by hedges and belts of planting. The proprietor has been several years in the natural possession of the whole, and has laid out very considerable sums in improvement.

There is an exceeding good house upon the estate, with a suitable garden, and offices of all kinds.

The grounds abound with coal, which may be brought to yield considerable returns, being well situated for sales, and within a very few miles of lime.

The lands hold of a subject-superior, for payment of small feu-dues, and the teinds are valued.

A plan of the estate, with the progress and articles of sale, may be seen by applying to Mr David Russel accomptant in Edinburgh, William Dick writer to the signet, or the proprietor at Newfield.

ALSO

The SUPERIORITY of the four-merk Land of old extent of BRAIDLAND, lying in the bailey of Cunningham, and shire of Ayr.

The old extent of these lands, which are holden of the Crown, is ascertained by a retour prior to 1681, and they give a qualification in the county. The progress may be seen, by applying as above.

AND

The Lands of LETHAM, lying in the parish of Arngask, and shire of Fife. They are of considerable extent, and have been in grass for several years.

They are held of a subject, for payment of a small feu-duty.

Andrew Murray of Conland, near Kincross, will inform as to particulars; and the progress and measurement may be seen, by applying as above.

SALE of LANDS in FORFAR-SHIRE,

By Adjournment—Upset Prices Reduced.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 7th of March 1782, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,